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# MORGAN HAS STRANGLEHOLD ON ALL SOUTHERN INDIANA LABOR!



## Fights Unions For 7 Years!

Speaking before the last meeting of the Indiana State Drivers' Council, Elmer Briner, secretary-treasurer of Local Union No. 694, declared that as long as that 30-million-dollar citadel of the non-union shop, the Morgan Packing Company, of Austin, is permitted to maintain its stranglehold on the workers and farmers of Scott County, so long will the wages and working conditions for all southern Indiana labor continue at levels of serfdom.

Local 694 has had a strike on against the Morgan Company for the past three years.

"Southern Indiana is the dark

Here are five of the 83 brands made by the UNFAIR MORGAN PACKING CO. Watch for these labels!

continent for organized labor, and we can thank the Morgan Packing Company for that. Morgan's ruthless exploitation of labor has had a terrifically depressing effect upon economic conditions there," Briner said.

"Morgan gives aid and comfort to all the scab shops of southern Indiana, no matter what the industry may be. He discourages organization wherever he can. After all, Morgan is a multi-millionaire and controls this part of the state. And no employer down there is going to do anything to displease him. He will help any employer anywhere fight any union. This has been shown time and time again.

"While Morgan made his fortune under the democratic system, he denies that democracy to his employees by refusing to permit them to organize or grant them decent American wages," he continued.

### TAKE COVER WHEN YOU SEE A MORGAN TRUCK!

Last month the report of an Indianapolis insurance agency revealed that Morgan's scab-driven trucks had killed eight people and injured 22 others in 230 highway accidents. For safety's sake look out when you see one of these scab trucks coming down the road. Take cover!

Most American millionaires want to do something for the betterment of the communities where they made their wealth. They want to show appreciation for opportunities afforded them by their neighbors and friends. They build hospitals, schools, establish scholarships, provide free dental care for the poor, etc. They try to enrich the community both economically and culturally.

But not Morgan.

He doesn't give even a damn. He just takes. And his workers are as poor as Scott County soil is barren.

### No One Loves Morgan!

Morgan isn't the least bit benevolent. Few tears will be shed for him in Scott County when he passes on. There won't be any monuments erected to his memory.

The rows and rows of shacks where his workers live stand as a fitting tribute to Morgan.

Evidence that the public is getting fed up with Morgan's scab-made products was shown this month as only 50 out of 190 of his trucks were licensed for 1942. The wives of American workers are refusing to buy Morgan's unfair products.

Briner has been receiving hundreds of letters asking about Morgan's labor policies and for lists of

## Workers Kept In Serfdom!

the company's brands. These requests are being complied with as soon and as fast as possible. Briner said. It is the working class of people which constitutes Morgan's biggest group of customers, and they are irate over the conditions that prevail in Austin.

"Morgan once remarked that he would run his business at the point of a gun rather than give in to his workers' demands for their own union. That's an indication of the type of person he is.

"However, we can lick this problem if we all work together and carry the fight to the places where Morgan's goods are marketed. This outfit is too big and too strong to beat in Scott County, where it is so powerful politically because of its wealth," concluded Briner.



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## National Conference of Teamsters

Formation of the National Conference of Teamsters in Chicago marks a milestone of progress for the mighty International Brotherhood of Teamsters. It indicates that the Teamsters' Union is fully aware of the many difficult problems and responsibilities that the war has placed upon it.

Realizing that only by coordinated and concerted action on a national scale can these problems be solved, General President Daniel J. Tobin wisely called the Chicago meeting which will go down in history as a significant advance for all organized labor.

The National Conference will not only enable the Teamsters' Union to carry out its share of the war effort more efficiently and more effectively, but will also help keep greedy employers from taking advantage of a war situation to line their pockets with gold. And after the war is over the Conference will be the backbone of a great drive to bring the benefits of organization to the thousands of non-union workers.

More important than the immediate intrinsic effect upon the Teamsters' Union nationally is the effect that the Conference will have in helping expedite swift movement of war goods to all points where needed. Democracy has come perilously close to complete disaster and every Teamster unit knows that the primary issue to consider is the war and what it can do to make sure of victory. President Tobin realized this when he set the machinery for closer national co-operation into motion.

There was a time when organizational work within a great labor union was frowned upon. Now, however, we are faced with the complex problems of an age of war, and the Teamsters are among the first to adjust themselves to this new age.

In no sense was the National Conference of Teamsters formed to exercise or infringe upon any of the International Union's powers. It was set up to help the International deal more effectively with the problems that are continually arising in this new era for labor that we are now exploring. The National Conference will supplement the International's great work. It will help a giant assume its full stature. Instead of a loose confederation of local unions, we will now have a stronger, more virile International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

## Vote in the May Primaries

Throughout Indiana there are stirrings again in the various political camps—May primaries are in the offing.

In a world sorely beset with the scourge of fascism, we may all serve our democracy best at home by taking a healthy interest in local political contests.

It has always been every American citizen's duty to choose and vote for a candidate to public office. Today, it is even more than a duty, it is a privilege. And the United States is one of the few places in the world where that privilege can still be exercised.

The Teamsters' Union does not play one party or the other. It is for the men who are for it. It will back those candidates who have been the workingman's friends. Teamsters will cast their ballots for proven friends of labor, whatever their political party may be.

Lack of interest in elections was one of the things that made it possible for Hitler's gang to take over Germany. Let's do everything in our power to prevent such a possibility from arising here.

Register today, if you are not already registered. Vote in the primaries. Make your voice count!

## Let's Win the War First . . .

A lot of people are worrying about what's going to happen after the war is won. We say, let's win the war first.

This is a war for survival. Some Americans should quit fretting over future vagaries of ghost towns, idle factories and unemployment, and begin thinking about the grim realities at hand.

There's a war to be fought and won. Now. And if it isn't won, someone in Berlin or Tokyo will worry about what's going to happen here after it's all over.

## TEAMSTER TIPS FROM 364

By GEORGE CAMPBELL

Our business representative, Norman Murrin, is busy with his sales drivers in all crafts. Now he is negotiating an agreement with Armour & Co. for their city and country drivers. Someone suggested maybe he should have hurried before they froze the piggies up.

Incidentally, Bill Crist, former local terminal manager for Bolin Drive-away, has been appointed to the South Bend police force. We wish him success and are sure he will make a very fine officer. Also appointed at the same time was Richard Bauer, formerly warehouseman at Levy-Ward Grocery Company and a brother of Leo Bauer, our efficient recording secretary. We are especially pleased with this appointment and wish Dick every success in his new job. (Attention, Steve Toti of East Chicago: You see, you're not the only local with teamsters on the police force.)

President Biggs, now on the OCD committee for salvage of waste materials, has a new slogan: "Say it; don't write it." He also says, "Watch those cigarette butts; there may be some paper left in them."

Business Representative Bert Snyder of Goshen and Elkhart and Agent Wellington Fleck have been making some mysterious trips East lately. If I know Buck—and I think I do—he isn't burning all that rubber for naught. He'll probably bring plenty of members into the fold. I heard President Walter Biggs warn him not to get into any jurisdictional scraps with Cleveland or Toledo on that matter. He says, "Stay in your own back yard."

Brother Mahoney of Mills Trucking Company says it is a rough and rocky road between here and Detroit. Any brother who reads this, please question him about it. Plague him!

The office and all of our agents have received much favorable comment on The Indiana Teamster. We take this opportunity to ask that when members are through reading it, they pass it on to some unorganized teamster. It will help strengthen your own organization.

Brother Ted Bilski of Robertson's Department Store, who left for the Army last month, is stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas; a remount post for the U. S. Cavalry. A truck driver all his life has thus become modern. You members who are familiar with horses will undoubtedly wind up in a submarine; but versatility has always been a trait with our craft, and we are proud of all our men in the service. They'll come through no matter where Uncle Sam decides to put them. Those Nazis and Japs better watch out when they see a member of Local 364 coming!

We sent out several contracts to road and building contractors last week setting forth the new rates for one year, which are as follows:

Drivers of 1 and 1 1/2 ton trucks—\$1.00 per hour.  
Two to three ton trucks—\$1.10 per hour.  
Semi-trailers—\$1.20 per hour.  
Transit mixed trucks—\$1.20 per hour.  
Euclid trucks—\$1.25 per hour.  
For owner drivers and equipment—1 1/2 ton dump or flat trucks—\$2.50 per hour.  
Owner drivers of semi-trailers—\$3.20 per hour.  
And any piece, tonnage or batch rate to be adjusted between the business representative and the individual contractor.

We urge all members to buy Defense Bonds and Stamps to keep the supplies rolling behind the men behind the guns.

## Muncie Lines Up Sears

MUNCIE.—Organization of Sears Roebuck's drivers here has been announced by H. P. Mott, business agent for Local Union No. 369. Contract negotiations are in progress.

## THEY SPEAK WITH FORKED TONGUES

By LESTER M. HUNT

With blazing guns and a bleeding crew, the heavy cruiser Houston died gallantly in the midwinter blackness of the Java Sea—a ship that passed in the night.

She was the tenth vessel our Navy has lost in this war. That same night on the Bataan peninsula the men of MacArthur were jesting hoarsely with the death they preferred to surrender.

Already our casualties, in less than four months, are more than those of Canada in years of hostility.

Yet some people tell us this is a part-time war. They say we can win it by working as usual and lying under the trees in the evening to listen to the birds chirp.

If we try that much longer, we will wind up under the trees, all right, but we won't be able to hear the birds.

Where does such advice come from?

It comes primarily from a well-organized fifth column in the United States which realizes that the only hope for Jap-German victory lies in American complacency or confusion.

They think if they can induce us to prepare leisurely for victory in 1943, or 1944, the Axis has a chance to clean up in 1942 before we get started.

Or, if they can instigate animosity and suspicion, we will submerge the war and fret about other things until the Axis can land its Sunday punch.

And so we hear sedition preached in many accents and issuing from many mouths. They have built up a fetish of free speech which serves them as a cloak of immunity.

They try to convince us that a man has the right to use freedom as a weapon to destroy freedom.

The time has come for us to get tough with our enemies, at home and abroad.

Why, for instance, should we permit a man like Father Coughlin to wrap himself in clerical cloth and speak with a forked tongue in the shadow of the cross. The ministry is a profession to save people, not destroy them.

Yet day after day this pernicious priest attacks our government at war and seeks to inflame us against each other.

Incidentally this has paid him well. He has collected more than \$2,000,000 from the lunatic fringe which applauds him. He has made hatred pay dividends. It has put golden petals on his Little Flower.

But the dividends it will pay the rest of us will be the blood of our sons and the tears of their survivors. If his own church will not muzzle Coughlin, then the government must act. It must put him away, in the name of the sailors on the Java Sea, the soldiers in the Philippines, the Marines at Wake, and the countless thousands who press forward to take their places.

Coughlin is a sorry contrast to the heroic chaplain who manned an anti-aircraft gun at Pearl Harbor and shouted exultantly above the blast of battle:

"Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition. I just got one of the sons of bitches."

These are vigorous words, perhaps, for a man of God. But these are vigorous times. When men are dying for their faith in a way of life, it is no time to weigh the delicacy of words.

Nor is it any time to spare the feelings of Quislings, regardless of their influence. We must put the finger on such men.

Such men as Wheeler, and Nye, and Fish who sit in the halls of Congress to haggle over words and resort to any subterfuge of parliamentary procedure to impede the president and retard the course of victory.

And such men as John L. Lewis and William L. Hutcherson sitting high in the ranks of labor and grasping for power over the heads of our dead.

A pretty plot this Boss Miner and Boss Carpenter are hatching for us. Lewis would scuttle the CIO and Hutcherson would scuttle the A. F. of L., according to published accusations they have never denied.

Under the pretext of labor unity, they would set up a third labor organization and perpetuate chaos at a time when the CIO and the A. F. of L. are closer to cooperation than ever before. It would divide labor before its enemies and sabotage war production by internal strife.

The motive for this? It would put Lewis back in the driver's seat and Hutcherson on the running board beside him. They could vent their venom on our president.

So far as Hutcherson is concerned, he misjudges the temper of his organization. Men who will fight with their bare hands against an armed invasion, like the carpenters did at Wake and Guam, will never submit to such a deal.

Hutcherson will end up in a labor organization of his own, all by himself, if he doesn't watch his step.

American labor will never consent to the leadership of appeasers and isolationists who stand convicted of incompetence by the verdict of events they said would never happen.

And when they continue their fight against our president, they convict themselves of more serious charges.

Coughlin, Lindbergh, Lewis, Wheeler, Nye and Fish are isolationists who fought Roosevelt in peace and still fight him in war.

They were proven false prophets in peace.

What would you call them in war?

The Greeks had a word for it. And so have Americans!



# Teamster Named to Important Defense Post

## NAME NEW STATE COMMITTEE FOR HIGHWAY DRIVERS

*Will Meet With a Similar Employers' Group*

INDIANAPOLIS.—A new committee was selected at the last meeting of the Indiana State Drivers' Council to deal with over-the-road problems that affect Indiana members only. This committee will meet with a similar group representing Indiana employers.

Serving on the Union's committee are: Jack Reynolds, Local 144, Terre Haute; C. B. Birdsong, Local 215, Evansville; Pat Mahoney, Local 369, Muncie; Steve Toth, Local 520, East Chicago; George Skerce, Local 298, Michigan City; Walter Biggs, Local 364, South Bend; Emmett J. Williams, Local 135, Indianapolis, and Pat Hess, Local 414, Fort Wayne.

### Williams Is Chairman

Williams, who has been Indiana's representative at the Eleven States' Area Meetings, will continue in that capacity and will also serve as chairman of the new state over-the-road machinery. In addition to Williams, George Skerce and Walter Biggs were elected as co-representatives to the Area meetings. Pat Hess, president of the state council, will serve as an alternate to the Chicago meetings.

### For Greater Harmony

In realigning the set-up for considering Indiana's grievances and problems it is felt that greater harmony will result between employers and Local Unions.

Every effort will be made to settle disputes that arise within the state. If a dispute then cannot be settled, it will be taken before the Area Committee for a decision.

## Williams Named to Democratic League

INDIANAPOLIS.—Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Local Union No. 135, has been appointed to the Marion County Democratic League. This is a committee which investigates the background and qualifications of every potential candidate for public office.

"One very important item we are interested in is the candidate's labor record," said Williams.

## MICH. CITY MILKMEN GET 13% WAGE HIKE

MICHIGAN CITY.—Milk wagon drivers here received a 13% wage increase as the result of a new agreement signed with the employers this month, according to George Skerce, secretary-treasurer of Local Union No. 298.

More than 50 men were affected by the contract in which the dairies agreed to establish a later system of milk deliveries so that rubber could be conserved. This will enable the men to deliver the milk and make collections all in the same round instead of having to come back twice. Gasoline and oil will also be saved by the one operation.

Warren McAfee, state labor coordinator, assisted in the negotiations, which were concluded successfully. All standard teamster features were guaranteed by the contract.

### TOBIN TO SPEAK

Hear President Tobin, 8:30, Monday, March 23, NBC Red Network!



Warren McAfee of Gary who is new State Labor Coordinator

## WARREN McAFEE IS STATE LABOR COORDINATOR

*Gary Local Is Honored By Schrieker's Action*

That Governor Henry F. Schrieker knows where to get capable, dependable men to carry on the important defense activities of the State was shown this month when he appointed genial Warren McAfee of Gary Teamsters' Local Union No. 142 to the key post of Labor Coordinator in the Indiana State Defense Council.

In his new position, Mr. McAfee will work in conjunction with State Labor Commissioner Thomas Hutson. His duties are to settle labor disputes, give advice, and work generally for a smoother functioning of the state's industrial system.

### Gary Proud!

While McAfee's services were needed by Local 142 in these trying times, Gary teamsters are proud to have one of their brothers assume an important role in directing the defense effort in the state. He will be missed, but Local 142 holds the common welfare above its own when the nation is at war. "Mac" was granted a leave of absence as business agent of Local 142 for the duration of the emergency.

Judging from McAfee's fine record of accomplishments at Local 142, the Governor has made a wise choice. We are sure that he will discharge his new tasks well and honorably.

Speaking of the job to be done, McAfee said:

"There is so much to do if we are to win this war against the Japs and Hitler that the thought is staggering. But it can be done. My own duties are to see that there is as little labor trouble as possible. I am proud to state that the teamsters have caused none."

### Call Mac on Tires

Mr. McAfee also said that if any of the Teamster Locals in the state felt they were not getting proper attention from the Tire Rationing Boards or felt that they should be on their respective boards they should get in touch with him in Indianapolis.

McAfee's office is Room 312 Board of Trade Building, Indianapolis. If any Local has any problems it wants him to assist in solving, he will be only too glad to help.

"I am at your service and will do everything in my power to help," he said.

## MAJOR ICE COMPANIES SIGN PACT WITH 716

INDIANAPOLIS.—Local Union No. 716 here has just signed a new agreement with four major Indianapolis ice companies, according to Al Tyree, secretary-treasurer of the Local.

Over 400 men are affected by the contract, which guarantees a 25 per cent wage increase, closed shop and seniority rights.

Owen Summers, Federal Labor Conciliator in Indianapolis, co-operated in the negotiations, which were very peaceful.

### BUY DEFENSE BONDS

### BEG PODDEN, LOCAL 364

Last month The Indiana Teamster reported that Local Union No. 364, South Bend, had purchased \$25,000.00 worth of National Defense Bonds. We were wrong. The local has bought \$35,000.00 worth and will get more as soon as it can.

## Nat'l Teamsters' Conference Formed at Chicago Meeting

Delegates from Joint Councils from coast to coast met in Chicago last month to consider the wartime emergencies that face the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Result of the meeting, which was called by International President Daniel J. Tobin, was the formation of a permanent body to be called the National Conference of Teamsters, which will define national policies and rapidly mobilize the mighty resources of the Teamsters' Union to solve these wartime problems.

### Indiana Present

Indiana representatives present at the sessions were: Frank Grunewald, Joint Council No. 11, Lake County; Paul Page, C. E. Davis and John Baker, Joint Council No. 69, Indianapolis; Walter Biggs, president of Local Union 364, South Bend; Pat Hess, secretary-treasurer Local 414, who is also president of the Indiana State Drivers' Council.

### Committee Named

The delegates elected International Vice-President Dave Beck of Seattle as chairman of the new organization and authorized him to name the members of a permanent steering committee. Permanent secretary of the national conference is Frank J. Gillespie of Chicago.

The men he appointed are John O'Rourke of New York, William A. Lee of Chicago, John O'Neal of Philadelphia, Charles W. Real of Oakland, James Hoffa of Detroit, John H. Rohrick of Cleveland, Raymond T. McCall of Boston, Patrick

J. Burke of St. Louis, Robert A. Borden of Birmingham and Frank W. Brewster of Seattle.

All of these men are widely known and capable teamster officials with experience in all industries represented in the teamster membership.

The conference also recommended the creation of national councils representing the different trades and two such councils were organized immediately after the main meeting adjourned.

### Nation-wide Support

Others will be organized later and each council will submit its program to the national conference for approval, after which it will receive the active support of the union on a nation-wide scale.

The principal purpose of the Chicago meeting was to cope with the tire crisis, but the delegates decided that a permanent organization was advisable to be ready to meet any other crisis that may arise during the war or in the period of demobilization afterwards.

### Ask Investigation

The conference recommended a congressional investigation immediately to determine the exact amount of rubber available and the

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## Teamster Friend Geo. Schock Runs for Mayor of South Bend

George A. Schock, present City Judge of South Bend, Indiana, who has often acted in a legal advisory capacity for South Bend Local No. 364, has announced his candidacy for mayor on the Democratic ticket. He will oppose the present incumbent, Jesse I. Favey. Judge Schock was instrumental in obtaining an increase in pay for the Railway Bus Drivers in South Bend while acting as a member of the arbitration board, selected by the employees. He is a graduate

in law from the University of Notre Dame and attended Miami University, Colorado University and the Cincinnati Law School. He has practiced law for the past 20 years and prior to that time was a newspaper man for seven years, concluding his newspaper career as city editor of the old News-Times of South Bend.

Be sure that you are registered so that you can vote in the May 5th Primary for Judge Schock, who has demonstrated that he is a friend of organized labor.

## DOWN ON THE OHIO WITH LOCAL 215

By CLYDE BIRDSONG

Things are very peaceful here in the garden spot of the world.

We are going to have a party for the members and their wives on Sunday, May 3, in the Labor Temple auditorium. Free food and refreshments for all!

Negotiations for new agreements with the Household Movers and local cartage and transfer companies will start between now and May 1.

If any of the boys want to see the biggest feet that any man was ever able to grow, all he has to do is STOP AND GAS UP AT THE WHITE ROSE FILLING STATION AT SECOND AVENUE AND FRANKLIN STREETS, WHERE ALL ATTENDANTS ARE UNION, and look at Rosie (Hank) Greenberg's feet.

Another one of our drivers has gone into the farming business—Ed Anderson of Hayes Freight, better known as PENTHOUSE EDDIE. Our advice is: GET THE CHICKENS FAT, EDDIE. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF COMPANY THIS SUMMER!

Dave Hollowell (Hancock) says that all his troubles are in the past and that from now on he is going to stay out of the doghouse. Good luck, Dave.

Everybody around here is wondering what the boys at Kentucky Transport were thinking when they saw a dump truck back up to the dock and start loading groceries. We still don't know, but the dump truck didn't haul the groceries!

I want to let out a secret: THAT PATCH THAT I HAD ON MY NOSE—WELL, ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT THERE WERE THREE OF THEM. NO QUESTIONS, ETC.

Another one of our members joined Uncle Sam's forces in the past month: Frank Kelley, Jr. (Indiana Farm Bureau). Good luck, Frank.

That's all—that's all.



## LAUNDRY WORKERS WALK OUT IN LOW WAGE PROTEST

### Unions Trying to Settle Dispute Quickly

INDIANAPOLIS.—Intolerable wages and working conditions at the Crown Laundry Company here caused 90 per cent of their drivers and inside workers to go on strike this month.

The walkout occurred when the company fired three employees for alleged union activities, and refused to reinstate them.

#### Didn't Call Strike

Said Teamster Business Agent Gibson, of Local 135, "We did not call this strike. It was a spontaneous walkout by employees who were sick and disgusted with the management's shabby treatment."

"For years Crown Laundry has under-paid and over-worked its employees. Drivers worked long hours for little pay. Inside workers receive wages of serfs."

"We, The Laundry Workers' International Union and Teamsters' Union, are doing our level best to settle the controversy as soon as possible. I am sure that the public is not going to be very disturbed over a strike against an unfair employer like Crown Laundry. Civilian morale in wartime suffers greatly when workers are paid as little as these laundry workers were receiving."

"However, we again wish to emphasize that the unions did not call the strike. But they will do their best to settle it."

## LOCAL 520 SIDELIGHTS

By STEVE TOTH

Negotiations have been started on a new contract for ice, fuel, lumber and building material drivers and helpers.

Thank you, Mayor Migas. But quit stealing our good truck drivers. Another teamster, Sam Reffkin of Calumet Breweries, was appointed to the police force on March 1st. Bet John F. Conroy of Local 835 had something to do about that. You know, Johnny is running for councilman again. Don't you teamsters forget to get out and help him win.

Mayor Frank Migas helped us quite a bit in the election at the City Barns, so we ought to help him in his. Local Union No. 520 won by a vote of 13 to 3. Now we are the sole bargaining agents for all city truck drivers. I know three truck drivers who are going to lead a miserable life until they get some religion! The mayor is up for re-election—don't forget him.

Sorry to hear that Bob Smith's mother passed away. Bob works for the, Certified Concrete Company.

Local Union No. 520 has purchased \$2,700.00 worth of Defense Bonds.

The Inland Steel and the American Steel Foundries jobs have started. Both of them are going to use quite a few trucks.

## Teamsters Receive Safety Awards

INDIANAPOLIS.—Several members of Local Union No. 135 were honored by their employer, Indiana Railroad, for the daily practice of safety in their driving.

They are as follows: William V. Ezell, John T. Quinn, Johnson F. Weddle, Wilmer A. Harlan, Frank P. Flinn, Jr., W. H. Owen, G. Feaster, G. D. Hamblen, Harley Chappell, Frank Shadbolt, Clark Corya, James L. Elsmann and Sherman Lay.

Certificates of award were signed by Ray Garrett, company president.

## LAFAYETTE, WE ARE HERE

By GLEN H. RABANUS

The following telegram was sent to Mr. Paul Royster, chairman of the Civilian Defense Council of Lafayette, by Local Union 543:

"THE CHAUFFEURS' AND TEAMSTERS' UNION NO. 543, LAFAYETTE, STANDS READY TO ASSIST AND SUPPORT YOU AND THE EMERGENCY DEFENSE COUNCIL IN ANY MOVEMENT YOU MAY UNDERTAKE FOR THE PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF THE CITY."

We have succeeded in getting a contract with the Indiana Condensed Milk Company in Veederburg. This agreement covers drivers hauling cream into the plant and calls for 33% increase in wages and better working conditions.

After several weeks of negotiating with the Kentland Dairy Products Company of Kentland, Ind., an agreement has been reached. The contract calls for closed shop, one week's vacation with pay and 20% wage increase.

The following members of 543 have been called to the colors: Howard Simmons, McDaniel Freight Lines; Melvin Bowen, North Star Express; Emmett Payne, Gilbert Trucking Company, and Donald Vice, Schurman Lange Company.

Otto Copas, vice-president of Local 543, has been inducted into the Army and is stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

President Ivan C. Grenat urges all members to buy as many Defense Bonds and Stamps as they possibly can. He says, "We cannot afford not to buy them. Our boys must have the latest and best equipment if they are to successfully defend our country."

## Teamster Local Wins Supreme Court Ruling

WASHINGTON.—In a 6-to-1 decision the Supreme Court upset the conviction of New York City Local 907 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers and 26 of its members on charges of violating the Federal Anti-Racketeering Act.

The court held the union was exempt from the operation of the law because it was trying to get more work for members.

## Form Teamsters' Nat'l Conference

CONTINUED FROM PAGE THREE steps necessary to conserve it. This action was taken in view of conflicting opinions expressed by federal officials, some claiming that sufficient rubber is on hand to supply the commercial delivery system for several years. The two national councils formed in the wake of the general meeting were the National Dairy Employees' Council and the Bakery Drivers' National Council.

#### O'Leary Selected

Thomas O'Leary of New York was elected president of the Dairy Council, with Frank J. Gillespie of Chicago as secretary and James Ballew of the dairy division of the Western Conference of Teamsters as vice-president. An executive committee of six members, two each from the Western, Midwestern and Eastern Dairy Conferences, will be named later.

William A. Lee of Chicago was chosen president of the Bakery Council, with John Bailey of St. Louis as secretary. An executive board was named of the following members: Sam Hurst of Detroit, Robert Lester of Washington, D.C., Beau Silverton of Los Angeles, J. B. McElhinny of Kansas City, J. D. McEwen of Seattle, A. F. Walsh of Boston, George E. Frazer of Pittsburgh, Robert E. Sullivan of New York, Albert Sabin of Philadelphia, and Howard Metzger of Aurora, Ill.

## Volunteers As Truck Driver; Becomes Chief Petty Officer

INDIANAPOLIS.—Local Union

No. 135 is proud of one of its brother teamsters who has gone to the service of his adopted country's Navy. His name is Olav Anderson and he is a native of Denmark. He arrived in this country in 1928. Knowing no English and having no idea where to go, he was attracted to the Army recruiting station and enlisted. Knowing little about the United States, he merely pointed to an Army post on a map at random, indicating there was where he'd like to be assigned. It turned out to be Scott Field, near Belleville, Ill., then a dirigible field. Thus, by sheer chance, he became a parachute rigger and eventually a rigger of other equipment.

#### Wants Action

By 1934 he had married and had taken out first citizenship papers. He declined a chance to go to Pan-

ama with the Army and turned to driving truck tractors. He received final citizenship papers in 1939.

"This being out of action is getting on my nerves," the truck driver said a few days ago, "and the Navy is advertising for experienced workmen. They might need a man who knows trucks and tractors."

#### Volunteered as Driver

He volunteered for the Navy construction regiment as a driver, but the interviewer spotted his Army experience.

"We need you for a rigger to handle equipment," he was told. He was given a chief's rating; the Navy's highest non-commissioned status.

Anderson is a nephew of Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Local Union No. 135.

## Observe These Rules to Save Your Tires, Says OPM

Inaugurating a nation-wide rubber conservation campaign, the Office of Production Management calls upon the country's 27 million car owners to observe 10 rules to make tires last longer.

1. Have worn tires retreaded instead of buying new ones. Cost of retreading tires is usually about half that of a new tire, and will give you about 80 per cent as much wear.
2. Cut out high speeds. Your tires will last twice as long at 40 miles per hour as at 60 miles per hour.
3. Inflate tires weekly to recommended levels. Never let pressure fall more than three pounds below recommended minimums.
4. Don't stop short or make jack-rabbit starts. Every time you ig-

nore this rule you burn up the tread.

5. Avoid striking curbs, road holes, rocks, etc. This can result in broken cords or blowouts. Drive slowly and carefully over paved roads.

6. Check wheel alignment twice a year. Misalignment causes scuffing and uneven wear. A tire half inch out of line will be dragged sideways 87 feet every mile.

7. Repair all cuts, leaks, breaks promptly. Delay may cause damage that can't be repaired. Breaks and cuts should be vulcanized whenever possible, and blowout patches should only be temporary.

8. Change wheel positions every 5,000 miles.

9. Always get the tire made to fit the rim of your car.

10. Don't speed around curves.

## General Motors Signs Contract!

SEATTLE.—The first contract ever signed by General Motors or any of its divisions with a labor union is in effect in Seattle. It was signed this month by R. A. Sweet, manager of the General Motors truck division in Seattle, and J. J. Rohan, secretary of Automobile Salesmen's and Demonstrators' Union, Local 882.

The new contract affects the office workers of General Motors and establishes a new scale with substantial increases. Wages run from \$125 to \$190 a month for the office workers, and average around \$150. The contract calls for the five-day week with five consecutive days of employment, time and a half pay for overtime, sick leave, and two weeks' vacation each year with pay. All holidays, including Armistice Day, are also to be paid.

The signing of the contract was the result of action by the Labor Relations Board, which held elections and designated the union to represent the inside workers. General Motors has paid union wages and lived up to union agreements strictly for some time, but this is the first time it has actually signed a union contract.

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR

## BROKEN GLASS DEALER SIGNED BY LOCAL 135

INDIANAPOLIS.—Drivers and helpers of the Barnett Bottling Company here received a ten cents hourly wage increase as the result of an agreement signed this month with Local Union No. 135.

The employer, who deals in broken glass and scrap metal, was very cooperative throughout the entire negotiations, according to the business agent in charge, E. O. Gibson.

Other standard union working conditions were guaranteed by the contract which covers 12 men.

## 716 Gets Jurisdiction Over New Army Base

Local Union No. 716 has been granted jurisdiction over drivers and helpers at the new army cantonment camp going up at Edinburg, Indiana, according to Al Tyree, secretary-treasurer. More than 500 drivers will be employed there eventually, it is believed.

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## 135 OUT BOWLS INTERNATIONAL PENCIL PUSHERS

INDIANAPOLIS.—Bowling interest is running so high at Local Union No. 135 that it now has two crack teams ready to take on all comers.

#### 850 Average for Team

Team No. 1, which has an average of 850, consists of the following players: Harry Stokes, Warren Miller, William Sage, Bert Willman and Joseph Pond. This is the team that recently gave the Foster Freight Lines of Lafayette such a severe trouncing and which has managed to hold its own competing against 354 other teams in the Indianapolis City Tournament. This team also rates third place in the Elks League, which bowls at the Antlers Hotel every Thursday.

#### President House on Team, Too!

Team No. 2, consisting of Stokes, Russell Houze, William Herald, Louis Blum and Wayne Lewis, recently defeated the International Union's office force 2,310 to 2,203. Stokes was high for Local 135 with 579 points, while Bill Mullenholz led the pencil pushers with 533. There will be a return meet in the near future.

Team No. 1 will bowl in the state tournament at Terre Haute the 18th and 19th of April.

Meanwhile both teams are anxious for games with other local unions throughout the state. Write to Harry Stokes, 28 West North Street, Indianapolis.

## LAFAYETTE ASS'N OF LUMBER CO'S IS STILL UNFAIR

### American Rights Denied Their Workers

LAFAYETTE.—In a ridiculous counter proposal to Local Union No. 543, the labor-hating Lafayette Lumber Dealers' Association flatly refused to even consider guaranteeing jobs for their employees who are called to America's armed services. That's the kind of an outfit this association is.

For some time this unfair Lumber Association has been fighting union organization of its workers. It continues to deny this thoroughly American right to its employees even though public sentiment against this attitude is growing daily.

#### Poor Still Bad

The worst anti-union offender is Henry Poor, whose stubborn position is costing his company plenty of good union business. Poor is head of the association whose sole purpose is to balk organized labor in Lafayette.

"By refusing to hold jobs for their men who are called to the colors, the Association's true colors appear. Their labor can go to the war fronts to protect everything they hold dear, but that doesn't make any difference to people like Henry Poor," said Glen H. Rabanus, secretary-treasurer of Local 543.

The Kessener Lumber Company, which is union, has been doing a tremendous business at the unfair dealers' expense.

## In the Know With Kokomo

By O. B. CHAMBERS

Ralph Kirby of the Miller Transportation Company received a citation from the Truck Rodeo for safe driving. He feels mighty proud because of it. We wish him continued success.

There is quite a bit of civilian defense activity in this area. Robert Vrooman, William Copeland, George O'Hara and Voyd Daine, all of Simon Brothers' warehouse in Peru, are members of the civilian fire-fighting force in Peru.

Simon warehousemen held a going-away party for Robert Esslinger, who will leave for the Army soon. Hats off to Esslinger!

The men at Saunders and Douglas at Logansport and the United Trucking Company of Kokomo have the payroll deduction plan for buying Defense Bonds.

The City Transfer Company has changed hands. It is now being run by Ward Roberts.

The boys at Hayes Freight Lines in Peru are being developed into good checker players by the man in King Row due to an epidemic of bumping caused by him. (Whatever does that mean?)

At the present we are negotiating a new contract with the Kokomo Ready Mixed Concrete Company.

Perry Clark of Miller Transfer, who broke his leg in two places recently, is still off work. We hope he'll be back on the job again soon.

## Commission House Signs With 233

INDIANAPOLIS.—Signing of a contract with the Paul Bissie commission house here was announced recently by Paul Page, president of Local Union No. 233.

The agreement, which calls for a 14 per cent increase in wages for drivers and helpers, will run for one year. All standard Teamster features are incorporated in the pact.